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SUBJ: FRG-POLISH DISARMAMENT DISCUSSIONS

1. FRG EMBASSY DCM KOENIG BRIEFED A MARCH 7 MEETING OG
WESTERN ALLIED, WESTERN NEUTRAL AND JAPANESE COUNSELORS
ON TALKS HELD BY FOREIGN OFFICE DISARMAMENT CHIEF RUTH
WITH POLISH OFFICIALS IN WARSAW MARCH 3. KOENIG SAID
THE TALKS WERE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A FRG-POLISH AGREE-
METN CALLING FOR PERIODIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY EX-
PERTS ON DISARMAMENT PROBLEMS. RUTH MET SEPARATELY
WITH VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CZYREK, MFA
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT HEAD PAW-
LAK, AND MFA POLICY PLANNING CHIEF WIEJACZ.
ACCORDING TO KOENIG, THE MEETING WITH
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CZYREK WAS MORE OR LESS A TOUR D'HORIZON; THAT
WITH PAWLAK CONCENTRATED ON UN-RELATED QUESTIONS,
ESPECIALLY THE UPCOMING SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON
DISARMAMENT (SSOD); AND THAT WITH WIEJACZ ON
EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT MATTERS.

2. KOENIG SAID THE TALKS PROCEEDED IN A UNIFORMLY

GOOD ATMOSPHERE. HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT PRODUCE MUCH THAT WAS NEW IN SUBSTANCE FROM THE POLISH SIDE. PAWLAK, HE SAID, DECLARED POLAND'S INTEREST IN THE SSOD AS AN IMPORTANT STEP ON THE WAY TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC). IN RESPONSE TO A GERMAN SUGGESTIONS, PAWLAK SAID THE POLES DID NOT THINK A WDC COULD BE REPLACED BY THE SSID, BECAUSE THE LATTER "COULD NOT WORK OUT AGREEMENTS." (KOENIG DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE POLES SUGGESTED ANY CONCRETE AGREEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE ELABORATED IN A WDC.)

3. ON EUROPEAN DISARMAMENT MATTERS, KOENIG SAID THE POLES WEIGHED IN HEAVILY AGAINST THE NEUTRON BOMB. THEY SAID THE WEST WAS DESCRIBING THE BOMB AS -A MORE HUMANE NUCLEAR WEAPONS." INFACIT, ACCORDING TO THE POLISH SIDE, IT WAS NOTHING OF THE SORT; IT REFLECTED A DISTORTED OVEREVALUATION OF PROPERTY ABOVE HUMAN LIFE, AND IT WOULD SUBJECT ALL EUROPEANS TO ADDED DANGER BECAUSE, WITH ITS INTRODUCTION, THE NUCLEAR THRESHOLD INEVITABLY WOULD BE LOWERED. THE GERMAN, ACCORDING TO KOENIG, AFTER NOTING THAT THE FRG HAD NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF NATO DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB, ASKED THE POLES FOR THEIR VIEWS ON SOVIET DEPLOYMENT OF THE SS-20, CONFIDENTIAL

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TARGETTED AGAINST WESTERN EUROPE. THE POLES, HE SAID, HAD NO ANSWER.

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4. KOENIG SAID THE POLES EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN "NEW FRG PROPOSALS" FOR MBFR. THE GERMANS REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NOT SUCH THING AS A "FRG PROPOSAL." THE FRG VIEWED THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS AS BEING BETWEEN TWO ALLIANCES, WHICH THEREFORE PRECLUDED INITIATIVES BY INDIVIDUALS ALLIANCE MEMBERS ON THEIR OWN. WITHIN NATO, THE GERMANS CONTINUED, ALL RELEVANT MBFR QUESTIONS WERE UNDER REVIEW. IN THE OPINION OF THE FRG, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REACH A MORE ADVANCED STAGE OF DETENTE BEFORE MOVEMENT ON MBFR COULD BE EXPECTED. (COMMENT: THE POLES OBVIOUSLY ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING--AND STIMULATING--ANY DIFFERENCES THAT MAY EXIST AMONG THE WESTERN ALLIES, ABOVE ALL, BETWEEN THE FRG AND US, ON DISARMAMENT AND DEFENSE MATTERS. WIEJACZ
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PROBED HARD WITH THE CHARGE IN THIS CONNECTION RECENTLY, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO THE NEUTRON BOMB AND MBFR ISSUES. THE CHARGE TOOK MUCH THE SAME LINE AS THE GERMANS. END COMMENT.)

5. KOENIG SAID THE POLES PROFESSED TO FIND CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN DR. BRZEZINSKI'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT SOVIET ACTIONS IN OTHER CONTEXTS COULD AFFECT THE US POSTURE ON SALT, AND WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD TO SAY ON SALT WHEN HE WAS IN WARSAW. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT GO INTO A STANDSTILL IF THE US APPLIED THE LINKAGE DOCTRINE. THE GERMANS, ACCORDING TO KOENIG, SIMPLY RESTATED THEIR STRONG HOPE FOR AN EARLY SALT TWO AGREEMENT.

6. AS A FOOTNOTE, KOENIG SAID SOME OF THE POLISH OFFICIALS TAKING PART IN THE TALKS EXPRESSED THEMSELVES VERY FAVORABLY CONCERNING SOME FRENCH IDEAS

ON DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS THAT HAD BEEN CARRIED A
FEW DAYS EARLIER BY THE POLISH PRESS AGENCY (PAP).
OTHERS, HOWEVER, SEEMED UNAWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE
FRENCH MATERIAL.
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